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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Procurement Division, OL

SUBJECT: Justification for Sole Source Procurement -
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1. A requisition for two data plotters, models 3440 and 3500, manufactured by the Electronics Associates Incorporated was initiated on 1 March 1963 by Office of Special Activities - DD/R. In compliance with a verbal request from [] your office, the following information is forwarded as justification for Sole Source Procurement of these devices.

a. During the period 21 January 1963 to 26 February 1963 members of the Office of Special Activities made a comprehensive survey of the market to determine the source of procurement for a device to meet the following requirements:

(1) A visual display of computerized data for operational use. The data would be received in digital form on magnetic tape or on paper tape produced as output from either IBM 7090, IBM 1410, or UNIVAC 490 computers. The device must be capable of acceptance of this digital data in the presently programmed form and produce a visual display to satisfy operational considerations.

(2) The device must produce a display of at least a 40" by 60" size with a capability to present smooth curved lines and print alpha-numeric characters plus at least ten special characters.

(3) The device must be of reasonable size and shape to fit in a secure area of not more than 300 square feet. Power requirements cannot exceed normal building power and there can be no special humidity or temperature requirements.

(4) The device for Headquarters must be delivered for installation not later than 1 July 1963 and the device for the remote location must be delivered not later than 15 August 1963.

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(5) The device must be of reasonable cost and must be relatively easy to maintain.

b. With the above considerations in mind the determination was made:

(1) The device chosen must be of a plotter type rather than electronic display type. Only a plotter could fill the requirements of paragraphs 1.a.(3) and 1.a.(5), above.

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(4) The Electronic Associates Incorporated, Washington, D. C. representative demonstrated a plotter of the size and characteristics required in paragraphs 1.a.(1), (2), and (3). He stated delivery could be guaranteed by the dates set forth in paragraph 1.a.(4) if immediate action was taken to consummate a contract.

2. The evaluation of the above facts plus additional technical evaluations not enumerated for security reasons appear to justify the Sole Source Procurement of the requested plotters.

3. [redacted] Chief, Automation Branch OSA/OD, will be available at any time to assist in further discussion on this subject. He may be contacted on [redacted]

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